

# Ohio Occupational, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board

# Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Committee January 20, 2021 2:00 pm

Virtual meeting conducted via Microsoft Teams

#### **Members Present**

Derek Bradley, LPO Nicholas Denroche, LP Derek Kinsella, LPO Brian Weaver, LPO, Chair

## **Members Absent**

Tammy Dalton, LPED, Secretary

#### Staff

Melissa Anthony, Executive Director Jeff Duvall, Enforcement Supervisor Debbie Fulk, Licensure Jan Hills, Executive Assistant Jaklyn Shucofsky, Enforcement Investigator Mai Vo, Licensure

#### Guests

Jeff Sczpanski, AT, Joint Board OPP Liaison

# Call to Order

Brian Weaver, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

Brian Weaver made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting as submitted. Second by Derek Kinsella. Motion passed.

## **Executive Director's Report:**

The Executive Director's covered:

- Budget- increase in expense reflected due to onslaught of DAS six-month billings coming in at yearend 2020.
- Correction made in eLicense to length of temporary license- should be one year rather than two.
- Fielded several inquiries regarding the COVID vaccine and a professional's eligibility to receive the vaccination as listed in Governor's specified phase schedule for healthcare workers, i.e., outpatient clinics.
- Extending the deadline for license renewals does NOT change the CE reporting cycle. If persons were unable to obtain necessary CE hours prior to Jan 31, they may seek a CE waiver.

## **Discussion of Laws and Rules**

- SB 68- Requirements for an applicant to be eligible for an orthotics, prosthetics, or orthotics and prosthetics license because of the applicant's unique and exceptional qualifications based on the recommendations submitted to the board by the orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics advisory council under section 4779.35 of the Revised Code, including standards for satisfactory evidence that demonstrate the applicant's qualifications through the applicant's education, experience, or training.
- HB 263- Revise occupational license restrictions for former criminals. Limiting denials in issuing license due to past criminal history.
- SB 246 Require occupational licensing of out-of-state licensees with reciprocity in Ohio.
- SB 314- Prohibit fee if professional licensee relocates during COVID-19.

OPPAC needs to develop rules in conjunction with the passage of SB68 which will take effect in early April. This includes the need to define the terms unique and exceptional qualifications and identify credential pathways including academic requirements, qualifications, certifications, letters of recommendation and hours of experience in the field.

# **Enforcement Report**

- "New" cases opened since the last meeting: 0
- Cases "closed" since last meeting: 0
- Cases "currently open": 1
- Active consent agreements: 0
- Adjudication orders being monitored: 0

# Correspondence

Discussion about non licensed professionals' ability to fit devices

## **OOPA Report**

No report

## **Open Forum**

None

# **Old Business**

None

# **New Business**

None

## **Next Meeting Preparation**

Director Anthony's unique credential pathway task and sending out Code of Ethics for review by the Council.

# **Adjournment**

There being no further business and no objections, Brian Weaver adjourned the meeting at 3 16 PM. Respectfully submitted,

Jan Hills

Brian Weaver, LPO, Chair

Missy Anskor

Tamara Daulton, LPED, Secretary

Missy Anthony, Executive Director Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical

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